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PENZANCE (HAYLE DIVISION) PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

ANNUAL REPORT OF PORT MEDICAL OFFICER AND PORT HEALTH INSPECTOR

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FOR THE YEAR 1955.

Section I - Staff

Table "A".

<u>Name of Officer</u>	<u>Nature of Appointment</u>	<u>Date of Appointment.</u>	<u>Qualification</u>	<u>Any other appointment held.</u>
P.E. Morris.	Port Health Medical Officer.	1st April, 1952.	M.B. Ch.B.	Police Surgeon. Certifying Factory Doctor.
J.W. Hitchens.	Port Health Inspector.	1st October, 1952.	San. Inspect. Cert. Meat & Foods Inspect. Cert. R.S.I. & S.I.E.J.B.	Chief Sanitary Inspector, West Penwith R.D.C.

Address and Telephone Number of Port Medical Officer of Health :- "Bonaer", Hayle 2315.

Section II - Amount of Shipping entering the District during the year.
Table "B".

<u>Ships from</u>	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>	<u>Number Inspected</u>		<u>No. of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage infectious disease on board.</u>
			<u>By M.O.H.</u>	<u>By S.I.</u>	
Foreign Ports.	14	3565	10	2	Nil.
Coastwise	438	100,837	30	Nil.	Nil.
<u>Total</u>	452	104,402	40	2	Nil.

Section III - Character of Shipping and trade during the year.

Passenger Traffic (Number of passengers INWARDS - Nil.
(Number of passengers OUTWARDS - Nil.

Cargo Traffic (Principal Imports ... Coal, Oil, Timber, Sulphuric Acid
Cement, Potatoes & Animal Feeding
Stuffs)
(Principal Exports ... Scrap Steel, Boxed Fuses)

Principal Ports from which ships arrive ... Barry, Port Talbot, Fawley, Avonmouth,
Mersey Ports, Goole, Blyth, River Thames,
Belfast, Baltic Timber Ports.

Section IV. Inland Barge Traffic.

Number and tonnage using the district and places served by the traffic - Nil.

Section V. Water Supply.

- (1) Source of supply for (a) the district ... mains supply from Mellanear filtered and chlorinated.
- (b) shipping ... supply pipes taken through the docks with water points at intervals at dock side.
- (2) Reports of tests for contamination ... Nil.
- (3) Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants and hosepipes ... Covered.
- (4) Number and sanitary conditions of water boats and powers of control by the Authority ... Nil.
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Section VI. Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1952.

- (1) List of Infected Areas (Reg.6) - Weekly Records of Quarantinable Diseases are now received and amendment of the list made monthly. This information is supplied to Pilots and Customs Officers.
- (2) Radio Messages - This is not a radio transmitting or receiving Port but arrangements are made with the dock owners to forward any radio messages they may receive in connection with infectious diseases.
- (3) Notifications otherwise than by radio - Arrangements made with Pilots and Customs Officers for notification and despatch of "Declarations of Health".
- (4) Mooring Stations - Stations have with approval of Harbour Master and Customs Officers been sited in the bay.
- (5) Arrangements for:-
- (a) Hospital Accommodation for infectious diseases. - County Isolation Hospital, Truro through No.1. Health Area Office, Penzance.
- (b) Surveillance and follow up of contacts - Through normal channels of Public Health Department of Rural District Council & No. 1 Health Area Office.
- (c) Cleansing and Disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles. - Disinfection of ships carried out under direction of Port Health Inspector. No facilities for personal cleansing. Clothing etc. steam disinfected at West Cornwall Hospital, Penzance by arrangement.
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Section VII. - Smallpox.

- (1) Name of Isolation Hospital to which cases are sent from the district. - Smallpox Hospital, Liskeard.

- (2) Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital by ambulance etc. - Contact Dr. Pierson, M.O.H. Plymouth, or Plymouth Ambulance Bureau (Tel. No. Plymouth 4101.)
- (3) Name(s) of smallpox consultant(s) available. - Dr. W.A. Lister, 7, The Crescent, Plymouth. (Tel. No. Plymouth 5701)
Dr. C. Seward, 20, West Southernhay, Exeter. (Tel.No. Exeter 2110)
- (4) Facilities for Laboratory diagnosis. - Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro.

Section VIII. - Venereal Disease.

Location, days and hours of the available facilities for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease among merchant seamen. - West Cornwall Hospital, Penzance - V.D. Clinic every Thursday 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Psychiatric clinic - 1st and 3rd Thursdays each month 3 p.m. by appointment.

Customs Officers advise contact direct with M.O.H's surgery or Health Department, West Penwith R.D.C. Penzance.

Section IX. - Cases of Notifiable and other
Table "D". Infectious Diseases on ships.

<u>Category</u>	<u>No. of cases during the year</u>			<u>Number of ships concerned.</u>
	<u>Disease</u>	<u>Passengers</u>	<u>Crew</u>	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Cases landed from other ships.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

Section X. - Observations on the occurrence of
Malaria in ships.

No ships from areas of epidemic malaria visited the Port and I have no observations to make on its occurrence in those ships from foreign Ports visiting Hayle.

Section XI. - Measures taken against ships infected
with or suspected for plague.

No measures necessary.

Section XII. - Measures against rodents in ships from Foreign Ports.

- (1) Procedure for inspection - Routine examination. Validity of deratting or deratting exemption certificates.
- (2) Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents etc. - Public Health Laboratory Service, Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro. No rodents sent for examination during the year.
- (3) Arrangements for deratting ships, methods used etc. - Hayle is not an approved Port for this purpose. If necessary ships directed to Falmouth.
- (4) Progress in the ratproofing of ships. - Nil.
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Table "E".

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from Foreign Ports - Nil.

Table "F".

Deratting Certificates & Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from Foreign Ports.

Nil.

Section XIII. - Inspection of ships for Nuisances.

Table "G".

Inspections and Notices.

<u>Nature and Number of Inspections.</u>	<u>Notices Served</u>		<u>Result of Serving Notices</u>
	<u>Statutory Notices</u>	<u>Other Notices</u>	
As in Table "B".	Nil.	Nil.	-
<u>Total</u> 42	Nil.	Nil.	-

Section XIV. - Public Health (Shell-fish) Regulations 1934 - 1948.

Not applicable.

Section XV. - Medical Inspection of Aliens.

Not applicable.

Section XVI. - Miscellaneous.

Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died on board ship from infectious disease. - Port M.O.H. in conjunction with District M.O.H. institute procedure prescribed by Section 162 P.H.A. 1936.

Mortuary.

During the year 18 bodies have been placed in the mortuary.

- Dock Installations.

The sanitary facilities and canteens provided by Messrs. Harvey & Co., were visited and found clean and satisfactory.

An application was approved by the District Council for the retention of a temporary canteen to replace the existing facilities on North Quay is likely to be a great improvement.

Major infestation of rats was found in the dock area and this was dealt with by the Health Department and it has been suggested that this should be a periodic control treatment.

A new warehouse for potatoes and fruit was in the course of erection and rat proofing was suitably effected.

Infectious Diseases.

On 24th January 1955 smallpox was reported in Brittany and on 13th April Tours and Port of Brest were declared infected areas. I instructed Pilots and Customs Offices to notify me of the arrival of any French boats at Hayle and to quarantine them. No vessels were reported and the alert ended on 11th July 1955.

SGD. P.E. MORRIS.

PORT MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

